



Legislation Text

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APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Ms. Carol A. Schneider, (D) 101 Inchcliffe Drive, Gales Ferry, to the Senior Citizens Commission to complete a two (2) year term ending December 9, 2023 filling a vacancy left by Ms. Dykes.

Background:

Ms. Schneider is an active member in the Community, currently serving on the Economic Development Commission and the Beautification Committee and is interested in serving on the Senior Citizens Commission.

Ms. Schneider has an Associated Degree and her work experience includes: Graphic Art, Retail and Marketing.

Administrative Notes:

The Senior Citizens Commission currently has one vacancy.(see attached Roster)

Ms. Dykes resigned from the Senior Citizens Commission on April 24, 2022 (see attached)

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

The Democratic Nominating Committee endorsed Ms. Schneider's appointment to the Senior Citizens Commission. (see attached Appointment Application) dated 8/23/2022.

Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

In accordance with Chapter IV; Section 8 of the Town Charter "Except as otherwise provided for in this Charter, the Town Council may appoint members to fill vacancies in other offices, boards, and commissions established by this Charter and by ordinance as vacancies may occur, and appointing members to such offices, boards, and commissions as may be created in the future. Such appointments shall be made by the Town Council for such terms and upon such conditions as provided in the respective ordinance".

Chapter IV, Section 9: "In making appointments and removals, the Town Council shall act by the affirmative votes of at least a majority of all its members.

All members of boards, commissions, and committees contained in this Charter, or subsequently created under this Charter, except members of the Building Code Board of Appeals, the Fire Marshal, and the Deputy Fire Marshal(s), shall be electors of the Town at the time of their appointment and during their terms of office."

Connecticut General Statutes

Sec. 9-167a. Minority representation. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the maximum number of members of any board, commission, legislative body, committee or similar body of the state or any political subdivision thereof, whether elective or appointive, who may be members of the same political party, shall be as specified in the following table:

Total Membership	Maximum from One Party
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	5
9	6
More than 9 Two-thirds of total membership	

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply (A) to any such board, commission, committee or body whose members are elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the state or political subdivision, (B) to a legislative body of a municipality (i) having a town meeting as its legislative body or (ii) for which the charter or a special act, on January 1, 1987, provided otherwise or (C) to the city council of an unconsolidated city within a town and the town council of such town if the town has a town council and a representative town meeting, the town charter provides for some form of minority representation in the election of members of the representative town meeting, and the city has a city council and a body having the attributes of a town meeting or (D) to the board of directors and other officers of any district, as defined in section 7-324, having annual receipts from all sources not in excess of two hundred fifty Thousand dollars.

(b) Prior to any election for or appointment to any such body, the municipal clerk, in cases of elections, and the appointing authority, in cases of appointments, shall determine the maximum number of members of any political party who may be elected or appointed to such body at such election or appointment. Such maximum number shall be determined for each political party in the following manner: From the number of members of one political party who are members of such body at the time of the election or appointment, subtract the number of members of such political party whose terms expire prior to the commencement of the terms for which such election or appointment is being held or made and subtract the balance thus arrived at from the appropriate number specified in column II of subsection (a) of this section.

Meeting Detail:

Town Council Meeting 10/12/2022:

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Minute Note:

Moved by Councilor Ingalls, seconded by Councilor McGrattan

Discussion: Councilor Saums stated Ms. Schneider has been an active volunteer in the community for many years. He stated that she was well versed in working with the town and he noted that she did a lot of work with the Ledyard Beautification Committee.

Councilor Rodriguez stated Ms. Schneider had a great background noting that she has Graphic Art, Retail, and Marketing skills. She stated that Ms. Schneider would be an asset to the Senior Citizens Commission.

Councilor Ingalls stated because two Applications were received for the one vacancy on the Senior Citizens Commission that she spoke with Senior Citizens Director Scott Johnson Jr. about the two candidates and the Commission's work to date. She noted that Mr. Johnson requested Ms. Schneider be selected to fill the vacancy because her background in Graphic Art, Retail, and Marketing would help in rebranding the Senior Citizens Commission and help them achieve their current goals relative to marketing and promoting the Senior Center.

VOTE: 7 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Approved

Administration Committee Meeting 9/28/2022

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Mover: Irwin Secunder: McGrattan

Action: Recommend to Approve

Meeting Note:

Moved by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor McGrattan

Discussion: Councilor Ingalls stated because two Applications have been received for the one vacancy on the Senior Citizens Commission that she spoke with Senior Citizens Director Scott Johnson Jr. about the two candidates and the Commission's work to date. She noted that Mr. Johnson explained that the Senior Citizens Commission has been working to attract more members to the Senior Center.

Councilor Ingalls went on to note Ms. Schneider's background in Graphic Art, Retail, and Marketing would make her an asset to the Senior Citizens Commission's current goals relative to marketing and promoting the Senior Center. She stated the Democratic Nominating Committee endorsed Ms. Schneider's appointment to the Senior Citizens Commission.

VOTE: 3 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: [Recommend to Approve](#)